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Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI : இது பெட்டிஷன் அல்ல, மகஜர், அங்கு ஒரு உயர்நிலை பள்ளி வேண்டுமென்று அவர்கள் கேட்டிருந்தார்கள், அதற்கான உத்தரவும் பிறப்பித்தாய்விட்டது. அதன் மூலம் 4,400 ரூபாய் கட்டவேண்டும் என்று அங்குள்ள பி.எ. உத்தரவு பிறப்பித்திருக்கிறார். அவ்விதமே பணம் கட்டவேண்டும் என்று போகும்போது, இப்போது வேண்டாம், இன்னும் நான்கைந்து மாதங்கள் கழித்து கொண்டு வாருங்கள் என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். இதனால் வீண் காலதாமதம் ஏற்படுகின்றது. ஆகவே உடனடியாக அங்குள்ள அதிகாரிகள் பணத்தை வாங்கிக் கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவு போடுவார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : இந்த விவரங்களை ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீஸர் அவர்களிடமிருந்து பெற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

Firms (loans)

* 848 Q.—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the
.m. Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the names of persons and firms for whom more than Rs. 1 lakh was granted as loan during the last five years by the Government; and

(b) the purpose for which it was given?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Messrs Thiru Arooran Sugars, Limited, represented by Sri Venkateswara Tyagarajan.

(b) To finance the purchase of chemical fertilizers for manuring sugarcane crop.

Health Officers

* 849 Q.—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are enough qualified Health Officers; and

(b) if not the steps taken to train more Health Officers?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to recruit Assistant Surgeons, who are willing to opt to the Madras Public Health Service, as Health Officers.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether there is any proposal to increase the salaries of the Health Officers to attract more number?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. It has been already increased on the recommendation of the Pay Commission. For instance it was Rs. 160—20—200—450—600 previously. Now the scale is Rs. 450—25—800.

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SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether any special training is also given to the Health Officers? If so, where is it given?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: There is a particular course B.Sc. degree of the University of Madras or diploma in Public Health of the University of Calcutta or L.P.H.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: This kind of dearth of personnel is always there in spite of revision of scales. It has been there for a very long time. What are the proposals before Government? Are they thinking of appointing more officers or relax the rule by appointing M.B.B.S. people without any special qualification in public health?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: That is the idea. That is why we have now circularized to all D.M.Os. in order to attract Assistant Surgeons for these posts. They will be given a sort of orientation training. We also contemplate science graduates being taken and given training in public health service. We also propose to promote selection grade health inspectors and selection grade sanitary inspectors to smaller areas like major Panchayats or smaller municipalities.

Milk Powder (gift)

*850 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of milk powder received as gift during 1959 and 1960 and the sources from which it has been received; and

(*b*) the quantity received by the Medical Department and in particular from the T.C.M.?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) Nil.

SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether the State Government has appointed any officer to regularize the distribution of milk powder and to see that it is not mis-used?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes. There is an officer in charge of receiving milk powder, medicines, etc., we receive from International Agencies. There is one officer to take care of them, check them and keep accounts, etc.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 577 infra.